

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 909

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Charles Curtiss for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office were dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their district and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Charles Curtiss of Sparta is one such distinguished public servant who served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability from 1994 until he resigned in January 2014 to pursue a new career; and

WHEREAS, Representative Curtiss is a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 43<sup>rd</sup> House District and White, Grundy, and Warren counties, and he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Charles Curtiss distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 43<sup>rd</sup> House District, who evinced their firm belief in his abilities as a legislator by electing him to serve ten consecutive terms as their representative, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 99<sup>th</sup> through 108<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, Charles Curtiss is respected by all as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Curtiss rendered sterling service as a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the House Business and Utilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of the prestigious Fiscal Review Committee from 2003 until his departure from this body, Charles Curtiss was elected to serve as co-chairman of the Fiscal Review Committee in 2005 and was elected chairman in 2007; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of the Fiscal Review Committee, Representative Curtiss distinguished himself as a diligent and dedicated steward of the State's finances and as an exceptional asset to his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he also served as chairman of the House Commerce Committee and the Industrial Impact Subcommittee during his illustrious tenure in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Curtiss is a family man, public servant, and community leader, and he proves that citizens can make a difference by being involved in public service and leading by example; and

WHEREAS, Charles Curtiss provided effective leadership to his community as White County executive for four years, a White County commissioner for four years, and chief of the Cassville Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding Christian faith, Charles Curtiss is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Charles Curtiss proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, he has donated his time and energies as a member of the American Legion, White County Farm Bureau, and Lions Club; he is a past master of Sparta Lodge #99, and he is a York Rite Mason and a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a legislator, Charles Curtiss worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Charles Curtiss is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Peggy, and their daughter, Nichole; and

WHEREAS, Representative Charles Curtiss is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Charles Curtiss for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 43<sup>rd</sup> House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.